

To: Macler, Bruce[Macler.Bruce@epa.gov]
From: Albright, David
Sent: Thur 7/7/2016 5:46:49 AM
Subject: FW: Inquiry to EPA

Hi Bruce, just wanted you to see the reply from Geri Lopez. Probably a good idea for us to chat, and maybe bring in OPA, before any further communication with her, as she seems to be bringing in some members of the media. I'm in Bakersfield tomorrow and back in the office Friday. David

From: Geri Lopez [mailto:glopez0433@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 9:26 PM
To: Albright, David <Albright.David@epa.gov>; theresa.eisenman@fda.hhs.gov; fsbaker@ap.org; amarquez@ap.org
Subject: RE: Inquiry to EPA

Hello David,

Thank you for your reply.

Typically water that is supplied to the public is available to see the water test reports. Can you please send me the reports? Open summary reports will ease my mind as well as the reports i receive from the Food Watch.org.

Also, are these reports which are tested by the EPA available to the public each month or quarter? How often is it tested?

I would like to have an independent water testing of these oilfield extractions that are used to water farmers vegetables which is sold to the public for human consumption.

How do i proceed to get the water tested? To be fair we can have an independent study and the media can post the results.

Ms. Eisenman,

How do i get these vegetables that are watered with Chevron chemicals labeled in the stores that the public can make a choice of which fruit and vegetables they want to select?

Kind Regards
Geri

From: Albright.David@epa.gov
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Subject: Inquiry to EPA
Date: Tue, 5 Jul 2016 22:43:25 +0000

July 5, 2016

Geri Lopez

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Dear Ms. Lopez,

Thank you for your email message of June 20, 2016 to USEPA Administrator Gina McCarthy regarding the re-use of produced water - water which is produced as petroleum hydrocarbons are extracted from the subsurface. EPA is aware of the use of produced water from oilfield extraction operations in Oildale, Kern County, California for agricultural irrigation. The use of this water is regulated by California's State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), and the water is required to be tested for a variety of chemicals to ensure that there will not be any negative impacts associated with its use. As EPA is a member of the Board's Food Safety Expert Panel, EPA Region 9 staff have reviewed the water quality data for this water, and we have not identified any concerns to date.

Regarding injection of produced water in the basin, EPA has been working closely with senior officials with the Department of Conservation, the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), the SWRQB and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) to review the state's implementation of the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program. Protecting public health and ensuring the safety of our nation's drinking water is among the highest priorities for the EPA. EPA will continue to oversee California's progress in meeting its compliance goals and to ensure that the state's oil and gas UIC program meets federal requirements and is protective of underground drinking water sources.

I hope that you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

David Albright

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